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SUBJECT: NSSD Third World Hunger Relief Study

Pursuant to the NSSD, Ambassador Robert B. Keating will chair the Interagency Steering Group for the Third World Hunger Relief study. The first meeting of the group will be held on Monday, March 5, 2:00 p.m. at the Department of State (EB Conference Room 6824).

Addressees who have not already named a representative at the Assistant Secretary level to the Steering Group should do so as soon as possible. Chairmen at a senior working level should also be named by AID, Agriculture and Treasury for their respective working groups (see Attachment 1).

A schematic indicating the manner in which the study will be organized is at attachment 1. Also attached is a description of how the tasks of the initial key working groups will be approached (Attachment 2).

Please telephone the name of your agency's representative to the Steering Group to Kathleen Dollins (632-1644).

> Charles Hill Executive Secretary

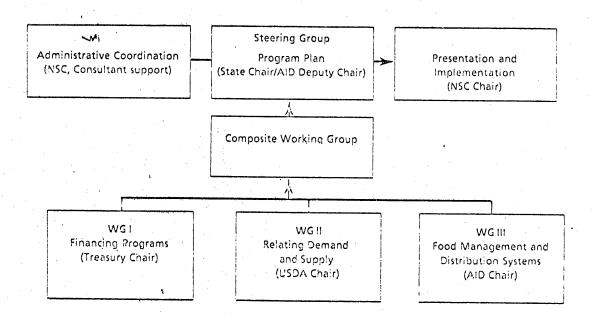
#### Attachments:

- 1. Chairmen names & Schematic
- 2. Key Working Groups

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### THIRD WORLD HUNGER RELIEF PROJECT Attachment 1





#### Working Groups

I. Preparation of a preliminary statement of Third World hunger problems and measures being taken to resolve such problems in the form of tables and graphs (to be prepared by the composite Working Group by March 14).

#### Illustrative questions:

- -- Which Third World countries have immediate acute hunger problems? What are the dimensions of these problems on a country-by-country basis (e.g., numbers of starving people, volumes of food required, expected duration of crisis)?
- -- What resources are being devoted to emergency food aid by the U.S., other donor countries, and international organizations?
- -- What are the dimensions of the non-emergency food needs on a country-by-country basis? What resources are being devoted to such food assistance by the U.S., other donor countries, and international organizations?

#### II. Working Group Tasks

Working Group I: Financing of Emergency and Non-Emergency Food Aid (Chair: Treasury)

Purpose: To review the financing of emergency and non-emergency food aid programs and analyze possible alternative financing approaches which would improve or strenthen the U.S. response to Third World hunger problems.

#### Illustrative questions:

- -- What has been the trend of global financial commitments to meet emergency and non-emergency needs over the past 10 years?
- -- How is the U.S. share of the costs for emergency and non-emergency food aid programs determined?
- -- What alternative financing approaches might be devised to better finance emergency and non-emergency food aid programs?

Working Group 2: Relating Emergency and Non-Emergency Food and Feed Grain Demand and Supply (Chair: USDA) Purpose:

To examine the demand and supply of food and feed grain for Third World food-

## Illustrative questions:

- What evaluative criteria entered into the estimates of the volumes of emergency food and feed grain needed on a country-by country
- How are these emergency food demands apportioned among the U.S., other donor countries, and international organizations?
- What are the non-emergency commercial and concessional food and feed grain exports to Third World food-deficit countries?
- What might be the food and feed grain requirements of Third World food-deficit countries if they were to meet minimum international nutritional standards?
- How might U.S. emergency and non-emergency food programs be strengthened and improved? What are feasible new policies and programs to improve
- Working Group 3: Food Aid Delivery and Distribution Systems for Emergency and Non-Emergency Purposes (Chair: AID) Purpose:

To examine the delivery, distribution, and utilization of food and feed grain for emergency and non-emergency purposes.

### Illustrative questions:

What are the problems and costs associated with emergency and non-emergency food shipments to Third World food-deficit countries?

- -- What are the problems and costs associated with the distribution and utilization of emergency and non-emergency food and feed grain within Third World food-deficit countries?
- How are emergency and non-emergency food aid programs monitored and evaluated?
- -- What are the key legal, administrative, and other constraints to improving the U.S. food aid effort for emergency and non-emergency purposes?
- How are emergency and non-emergency food aid programs of the U.S., other donor countries, and international organizations coordinated in recipient countries? Could there be better international cooperation in identifying and responding to emergency and non-emergency food needs?

February 22, 1984